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with Message Gates in a
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Environment

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF
DECEMBER 14, 2004

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action of December 14, 2004, to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance.

Please amend the case as listed below.